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## **St Mary The Boltons**

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Friends,

**This Sunday we are keeping the feast of All Saints** At the 10.30 Eucharist we are welcoming Grace Lee and James Wellwood to be baptised. Please pray for them and their families and godparents as they begin their new life in the fellowship and family of Christ.

**All Souls Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Sunday 1 November 5pm Choral Evensong** This is the service where we remember by name those whom we have loved who have died. We invite families whose loved ones' funerals and memorials have taken place in the past year and we hope that members of our congregation will come along as well. There is a list for names you would like mentioned in the prayers at the back of church, or you can email me.

**Coronavirus Constraints** We are anticipating, along with the rest of the country, some additional constraints because of the pandemic, so our plans for the coming days are subject to change. With that in mind:

**Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.** The service at 10.30am will include the Act of Remembrance and Two Minutes' Silence. We are thrilled that violinist Fenella Humphreys will return to play for the service. The Podcast will also include the Act of Remembrance.

#### **St Nicholas' Day Raffle for the Charitable Pot Sunday 6 December**

With no Summer Fair, we've not been able to raise as much as we'd like for the Charitable Pot this year, so we thought a festive Raffle would help supplement the funds already raised. Excellent prizes this year include a Magnum of Champagne kindly donated by the Bolton's Association, Champagne and wine donated by Lea and Sandeman, a homemade Christmas cake, a roast ham from the Parsons Nose, a hamper of delicious food goodies to see you through Boxing Day and off course a cuddly toy! Tickets are on sale for £2 each. Further information is in this month's Clarion.

You can buy your tickets in church from this Sunday or during the week you can pop into Church and see Jane or me in the Office, 10 - 3pm, Monday to Friday. Cash or cheques accepted.

**Sunday Afternoon Zoom Tea 4.30pm** All are welcome to join in with this chance to see each other's faces, and chat over a cup of tea (bring your own) this afternoon at the new time of 4.30pm, and the Zoom link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88337874857?pwd=cTNsRzVaRGdld2FsNXc1QnhOUkJKdz09>

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Or by telephone, dial 0203 481 5240  
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We look forward to seeing/hearing you.

**Clarion for November** is now available on line [here](#), or on paper in church.

**Bishop of Kensington's Teaching Evenings 2020 Tuesday 24 November and Monday 7 December.** Our Bishop has been committed to offering Deanery Teaching Evenings for all lay people in the past years, on issues such as Prayer, the Problem of Evil and, most recently, Brexit. This year the theme is Freedom, and Bishop Graham will be speaking on the topic: 'What is True Freedom?' He says,

**"Freedom is one of the big ideas of our culture. We long for it, fight wars over it and guard our freedoms jealously. Some have even seen the imposition of restrictions during the pandemic as an infringement of civil liberties. Christian faith also speaks of freedom, yet in ways that can seem strange, with ideas such as obedience to the will of God, and the value of service. What, then, is a Christian understanding of freedom and how does it differ from secular ideas?"** During this evening, with opportunity for questions and interaction, Bishop Graham will explore how a Christian understanding of freedom can be truly liberating.

This year's Teaching Evenings are open to everyone, clergy and laity, and will be an excellent time to think together about how our Christian faith works out in practice through one of the most important ideas of our time.

If you would like to come, please register on Eventbrite

here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-true-freedom-why-freedom-may-not-be-what-you-think-it-is-tickets-126125931055> and the Zoom link will be emailed to you. Or you can let the Vicar know, and she will reserve your spot. There will be a telephone link available as well, for non-users of computers.

**If you come along on to services on Sunday morning**, we ask that you please help us to protect each other in church by

- sanitising your hands on entry
- placing your offering in the plate at the back of church or use the contactless point
- consider filling in the Test and Trace form with your name and phone number or using the new NHS QR code.
- wear your face covering while in church (removing it to take communion, of course) unless you are exempt for medical reasons or by virtue of age. Those who wear theirs will be protecting those who cannot.

Children and babies are very welcome to sit with their families, and also to bring along something quiet in case they need other occupation during the service – we don't mind if they play or read books, but NO electronic devices, please! We will be looking at our provision for children during COVID in the next months.

**If you are staying home**, you can still access the podcast as usual and unlike us in church, you can sing the hymns with gusto. We hope you will listen at 10.30 on Sunday, and feel like we are all worshipping together, even if apart. **This week's podcast can be heard [here](#) and the order of service, with words to the hymns and prayers can be**

downloaded [here](#), with a large print version, [here](#). Once again, we are grateful to John Ward who has been putting these together week by week.

### **Food Banks**

The financial situation is dire for families and those whose jobs have been lost. We are glad to receive donations of food etc for Dad's House Food Bank which has opened at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm and anyone is able to access their help without a voucher.

### **Finance and giving**

Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Our income suffered during the lockdown with the loss of Sunday collections as well as income from the Hall. We can now receive your offering on Sundays in church using cash or the contactless devices. We encourage regular members of the congregation to consider giving by bank transfer, whether each week or by standing order? It is easy; we can still benefit from your GiftAid, and it will help us to maintain our ministry in this difficult period. We now accept donations on line, via the CAF donate website, and the link is [here](#).

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Blessings,



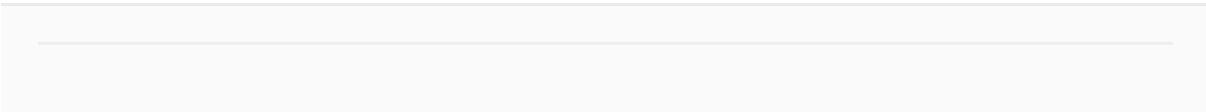
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